第12話 光巡る
CHAPTER 12: RETURN TO LIGHT

NO LIGHT AT ALL... AS FAR AS I CAN SEE...
DARKNESS...
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OH LIGHT... WHY SO AFRAID...
I COULDN'T MOVE...
SO, NOW...
YOU'RE GOING TO PERISH ANYWAY!...

I COULDN'T EVEN SPEAK.
.....
.....
WILL YOU BE DEVOURED BY DARKNESS, LIKE THIS?
WILL I...
LIKE THIS...

IT'S DANGEROUS THERE! COME BACK HERE!
OPEN YOUR EYES, CELICE!
YOU ARE...

HE SAID HE WAS FROM THE EMPIRE, SO I'LL NEED TO DEFEAT HIM EVENTUALLY...

BEING AFRAID WON'T HELP ME.

I COULDN'T MOVE... I COULDN'T EVEN SPEAK.

I FELT A PROFOUND, BOTTOMLESS DARKNESS... THAT SEEMED TO DRAW ME IN.

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GIGGLE
PFFT!

SNORE-
GAH!
HEY ARTHUR, WAKE UP!
YOU'RE TOO LOUD, JOHAL-VIER!
TINNY ...
BEAT HIM!

'MORNING, NANNA.
YOU'RE EARLY.

GOOD MORNING.

PEEPING ISN'T NICE, LORD CELICE.

WELL, THAT'S BECAUSE I SPENT ALL NIGHT TALKING TO LORD LEAF.
EH? THEN, YOU DIDN'T SLEEP?
YES.

EH? AH... YOU TWO, ALONE? ALL NIGHT?
... AH! P-PLEASE DON'T MIS-UNDERSTAND! WE WERE JUST TALKING NORMALLY!
AND FINN WAS WITH US, TOO!
WE WERE REMI-NISCING...
ABOUT OUR TIME BACK IN LENSTER...
IS HE... ALL RIGHT?
YES, OF COURSE.
LORD LEAF IS ALL RIGHT, ENERGETIC AS ALWAYS.
I SEE. I WONDER IF I COULD MEET HIM?
HE'S BY THE RIVERSIDE. I'LL TAKE YOU TO HIM.

WHAT?
'MORNING, LEAF.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, DAMMIT...

WHY SO RESERVED?
AH!
HAHA, YOUR FACE LOOKS FUNNY!
WHAT WERE YOU DOING ALONE?
HM?
BEING LAZY... AND LOOKING BACK AT MYSELF.
AT YOUR-SELF?

YOU'VE HEARD FROM FINN, RIGHT?
MY FATHER AND MOTHER DIDN'T DIE FROM DISEASE, BUT WERE INSTEAD KILLED BY A CERTAIN MAN...
AS I THOUGHT.
YOU PRESUMED I'D LOSE HEART BECAUSE OF THAT, HUH?
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HEY, THAT HURTS!
WELL, ACTUALLY I DID.
TO THE POINT I WANTED TO LEAVE THIS PLACE RIGHT AWAY AND AVENGE THEM.
AND THEN...
I AGGRESSIVELY ASKED FINN WHY HE DIDN'T TELL ME THAT EARLIER.

YOU'D HEAD
THEN, IN OTHER WORDS, WHILE
IN CONFLICT.
YOUR FATHERLAND AND ITS PEOPLE TO THEIR FATES?
FINN SAW RIGHT THROUGH MY IMMATURITY.

IT SEEMS FINN HAD NO INTENTION OF TELLING ME UNTIL I UNDERSTOOD THAT.
"WE CAN'T REST UNTIL ALSTER IS DEFEATED..."
MY FATHER AND MOTHER WOULD SURELY HAVE WISHED WE'D PROTECT OUR FATHERLAND INSTEAD OF AVENGING THEM.
I WAS ABOUT TO BETRAY EVERYTHING THAT WAS PRECIOUS TO ME...
HE'S A GOOD RETAINER.

I REALIZE HOW CHILDISH I MUST HAVE BEEN...
WHEN I THINK THAT...
IS LORD LEAF'S...
BESIDES, IN THRACIA...

I MUST BE CALM AND SEE AHEAD...
AND IF THAT'S MY AIM, I CAN'T AFFORD TO BE BROODING.
I WANT TO BE-COME STRONG-ER!
PHYSICALLY OF COURSE, BUT MENTALLY AS WELL!
I WANT TO BECOME AN ADULT!
I HAVE THE SAME OBJECTIVE AS YOU.
HOWEVER, WE CAN'T BE IMPATIENT.
IT'S FINE TO GROW LITTLE BY LITTLE... I THINK...
AND THEN BECOME ABLE TO PROTECT... TO SAVE THOSE PRECIOUS TO ME!

CELICE, YOU'RE ALWAYS TEACHING ME.
IF ONLY I HAD A LITTLE OF THAT INSIDE ME...
YOU RECRUITED A GUY WHO REALLY HATED YOU, RIGHT? THAT'S REALLY HARD!
ER... WHAT WAS HIS NAME, AGAIN? HE HAS LONG, BLOND HAIR...
YES YOU ARE! I HEARD ABOUT IT ALREADY!
LEAF, I'M NOT THAT GREAT.
AH, YOU MEAN ALESS?
NO...
WHY DO YOU SAY THAT? WASN'T IT THAT WAY?
BUT I DON'T THINK ALESS HAS JOINED US BECAUSE OF ME ALONE.

... AND WARM WAS ALWAYS NEAR ME AND ALESS, AS IF PROTECTING US...
IT ISN'T LIKE I SAW IT, BUT... IT FELT LIKE SOMETHING RELAXING...
... I'M SURE...
AND YOU WERE SAVED BY IT?
FEEL THAT AS WELL?
DID ALESS...
I'M SURE... WANNA GO MEET HIM?

YES! LET'S GO MEET ALESS!
... SO.
WHAT THE HELL
YOU GUYS WERE THE ONES MAKING A RUCKUS AND THROWING THE TENT'S PILLAR DOWN!
HIS SNORING.
WHAT BROUGHT YOUR TENT DOWN?

HOW CRUEL.
... AND THEN...
IT HIT ALESS'S TENT?

THIS SUDDEN INCIDENT DOESN'T MAKE HIM FEEL LIKE LEAVING...
ALL WILL BE WELL AS LONG AS...
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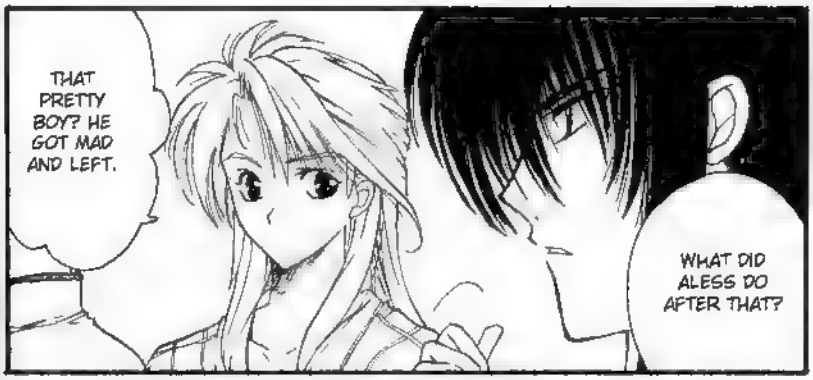
IT CAN'T BE HELPED. SHALL WE MAKE SOMEBODY LOOK FOR HIM?


THAT PRETTY BOY? HE GOT MAD AND LEFT.
WHAT DID ALESS DO AFTER THAT?

BUT WE COULDN'T FIND HIM ANYWHERE.
WE CONSIDERED APOLOGIZING ...

I BELIEVE WE'VE DONE SOMETHING INEXCUSABLE TO ALESS.

WHAT ABOUT CELICE?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH HIM...
IT SEEMS HE WENT SOMEWHERE REALLY EARLY IN THE MORNING...

DO YOU HAVE ANY BUSINESS WITH ME?

WITHOUT YOUR HELP...
IN THAT BATTLE, LORD CELICE WOULD HAVE...
IT MADE ME... VERY HAPPY.
THANK YOU, ALESS.
FOR PROTECTING LORD CELICE...
IT WASN'T MY STRENGTH ALONE.
DON'T YOU...
REMEMBER ANYTHING?

JULIA... YOU'RE A WEIRD WOMAN...

THOSE INDESCRIBABLY WARM WORDS MADE ME BELIEVE IN CELICE...

DON'T CALL THEM
ALISS
THEIR VOICES
WHY? DID ANYTHING HAPPEN?
HEEY ALISS!
BY THE WAY, SKASAHER AND THE OTHERS HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU.
AH! SEE?

I'LL GO DOWN ONCE I'M FEELING BETTER.
NOW GO!
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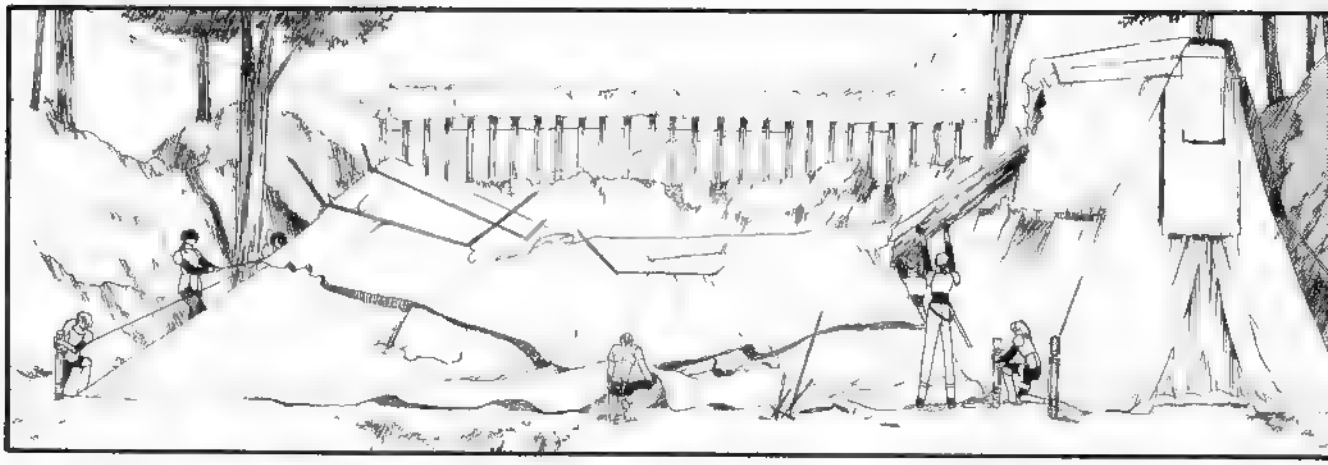


ARE YOU GOING TO WAIT?
THAT STUPID SKASAHER IS LOOKING FOR HIM RIGHT NOW.

ASTON-ISHING, ISN'T IT?
...WOW.

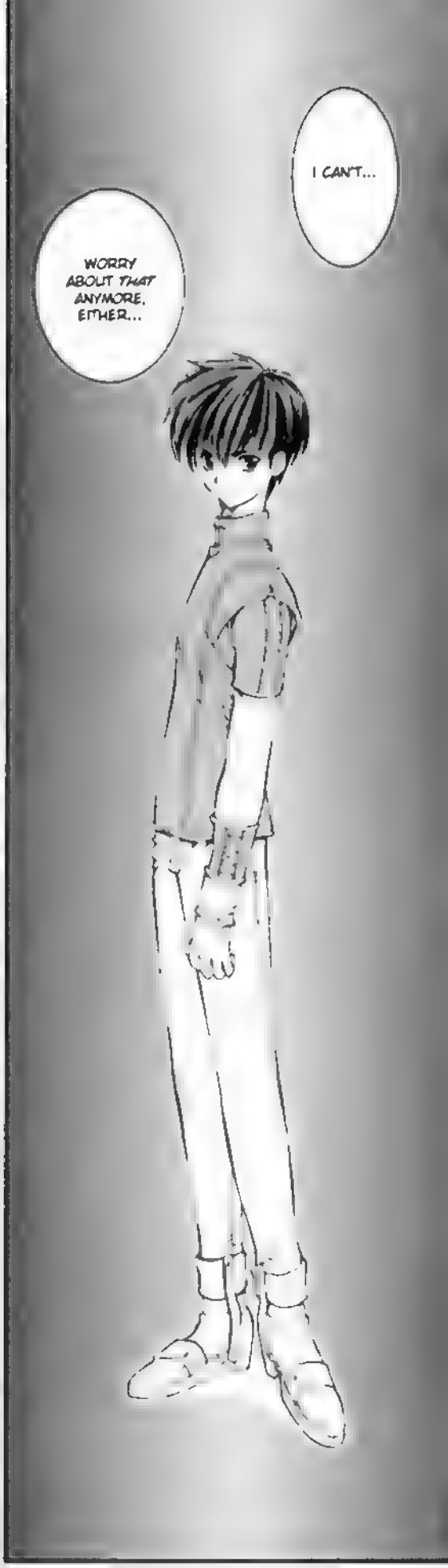
NO, WE'RE GOING AS WELL.

HIS STRENGTH IS LIKELY TO BECOME PIVOTAL TO OUR ARMY.

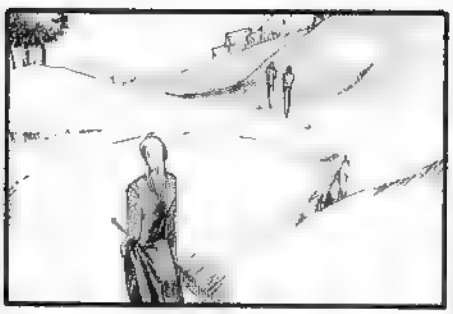
CELICE, IF YOU FIND ALESS TELL HIM TO COME TO LEVIN'S TENT.
WE WANT HIM TO TAKE PART IN THE MEETING ABOUT THE THRACIA CAMPAIGN.

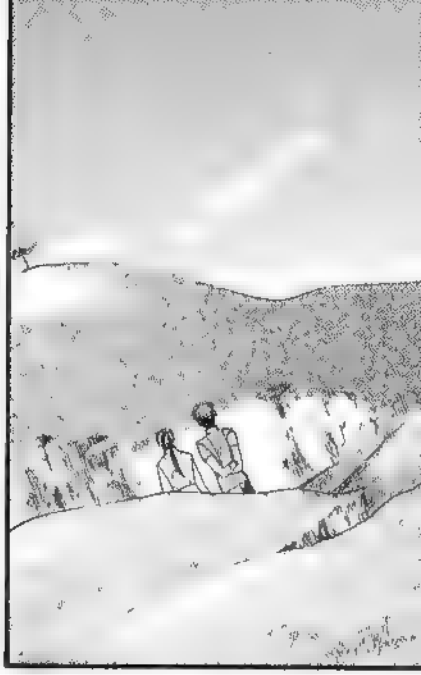
I SEE.
YES.
AT THE VERY LEAST, HE HAS CRUSADER BLOOD FLOWING THROUGH HIS VEINS.
IS ALESS THAT STRONG?
LEAF, SHALL WE GO?
YEAH.
LORD LEAF...
I'M FINE NOW, FINN.

IT WAS FUN YESTERDAY!
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU KEEP ME COMPANY!
FORGIVE ME, LORD LEAF...
I...


I CAN'T...
WORRY ABOUT THAT ANYMORE, EITHER...

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THIS WILL BE MY FIRST TIME MEETING HIM FACE-TO-FACE.
MAKES ME FEEL KIND OF NERVOUS.
BUT KNOWING YOU, LEAF, YOU'LL GET USED TO HIM QUICKLY.
OH, RIGHT.





EH? WHERE?
ALESS!

HEY ALESS, WE WERE LOOKING FOR YOU.

SO YOU WERE...

WHAT...
THIS FEELS INCREDIBLY NOSTALGIC...

SO YOU WERE... HERE...
...
WHO'S THIS BRAT?
WHAT BRAT? ME?
HOW SO?
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YEAH...
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HE'S ALREADY 17, DON'T JUDGE HIM BY HIS LOOKS.
HE ISN'T THAT YOUNGER THAN YOU.
HE'S MY COUSIN, PRINCE LEAF OF LENSTER.
WITH THAT BABY FACE?
17?

HEH.
JUST KIDDING!
AND YOU'RE LIKE 20, RIGHT? YOU HAVEN'T AGED WELL!
AS I THOUGHT, HE'S A BRAT
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I HAVE NO OBLIGATION OF SHAKING HANDS WITH THE LIKES OF YOU.
NICE TO MEET YOU, ALESS.
LET'S SHAKE HANDS.
HEY!
STOP IT!
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NICE! CELICE!

NICE TO MEET YOU, ALESS.
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
EYES THAT SHOW A STRONG WILL...
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING...?
THE AIR AROUND YOU TELLS ME YOU'RE STRONG.

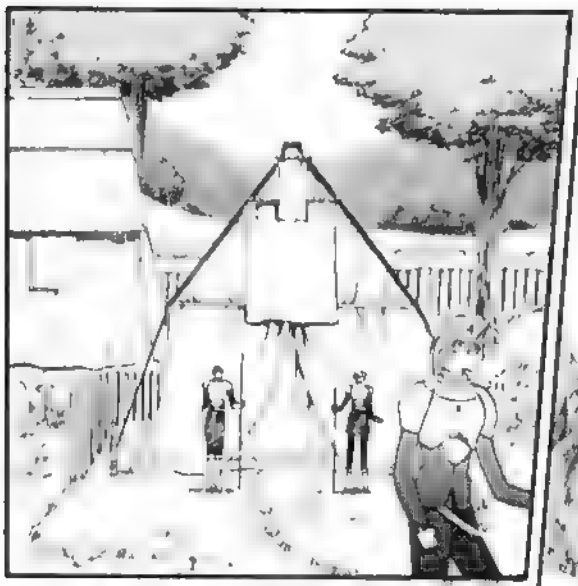
I ADMIRE
THA
YOU CAN'T BECOME STRONGER WITH ADMIRATION ALONE.

CELICE...
ENOUGH OF THIS! LET GO!
... I KNOW.
KNOWING STRENGTH IS A STRENGTH ITSELF.
TCH.
FIRST THAT, NOW THIS...
DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO DO?

WE'LL ENTER THRACIA TOMORROW.
WE MUST GO THROUGH IT IF WE'RE HEADING TOWARDS THE EMPIRE.

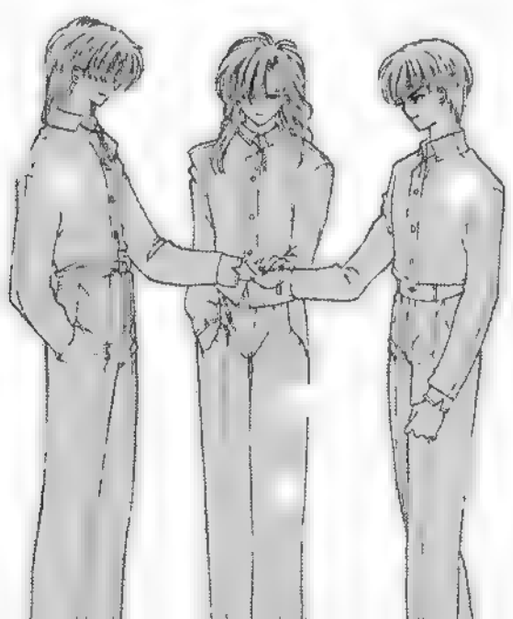
... FEH.

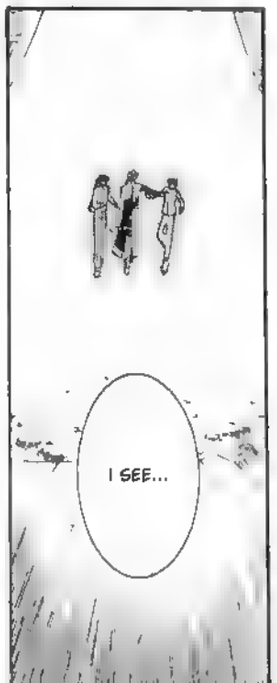
I'D LIKE YOU TO TAKE PART IN THE MEETING ABOUT OUR INCURSION IN THAT LAND.



I HAVE ALREADY DECIDED TO SWING MY SWORD FOR THE LIGHT.
I'LL GO ALONG UNTIL THE END.

AND... DESPITE THE FACT THEY'RE MAKING YOU WAIT...
WHY ARE YOU SMIL-ING?
IT'S BEEN MORE THAN ONE HOUR AL-READY...
WHY ARE THEY BEING SO SLOW?
YES, I'M TALKING TO YOU TWO.
IT'S SOMETHING TRIVIAL... BUT PRECIOUS, NONETHELESS.
SO YOU'VE NOTICED, SIR LEVIN?
OH, SORRY.
CREEPY. WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU TWO?




I SEE...

IT FELT ODDLY NOSTALGIC.
WHEN WE SAW THOSE THREE NEAR THE ENTRANCE, WE JUST THOUGHT...
OH, THAT...
BECAUSE THOSE THREE REALLY RESEMBLE *THEM.*

IS THIS THE FATED MEETING OF FRIENDS WHO ONCE SHARED THE SAME WILL...?
I WISH THE STRENGTH YOU'VE INHERITED FROM YOUR PARENTS...
WILL BE OF GREAT HELP IN THE BATTLES TO COME...

Day x / sunny

A new, reliable companion has been added to the Liberation Army.

He seems to be tough in body and spirit. Yes, reliable indeed.

Tinny, who joined right afterwards, is apparently Arthur's little sister.

In the end, I couldn't even greet Tinny today...

Incidentally, I think he's a little short-tempered.

Celice

あとがき

どうもこんにちは。冬季ねあといいます。この度はファイアーエムブレム～光をつぐもの～第3巻をお手にとっていただきありがとうございます。

何だかこのあとがきページまでくるのにつまらないショート漫画描いてしまってすみません。せっかく空きページが4Pあるということだったので…。

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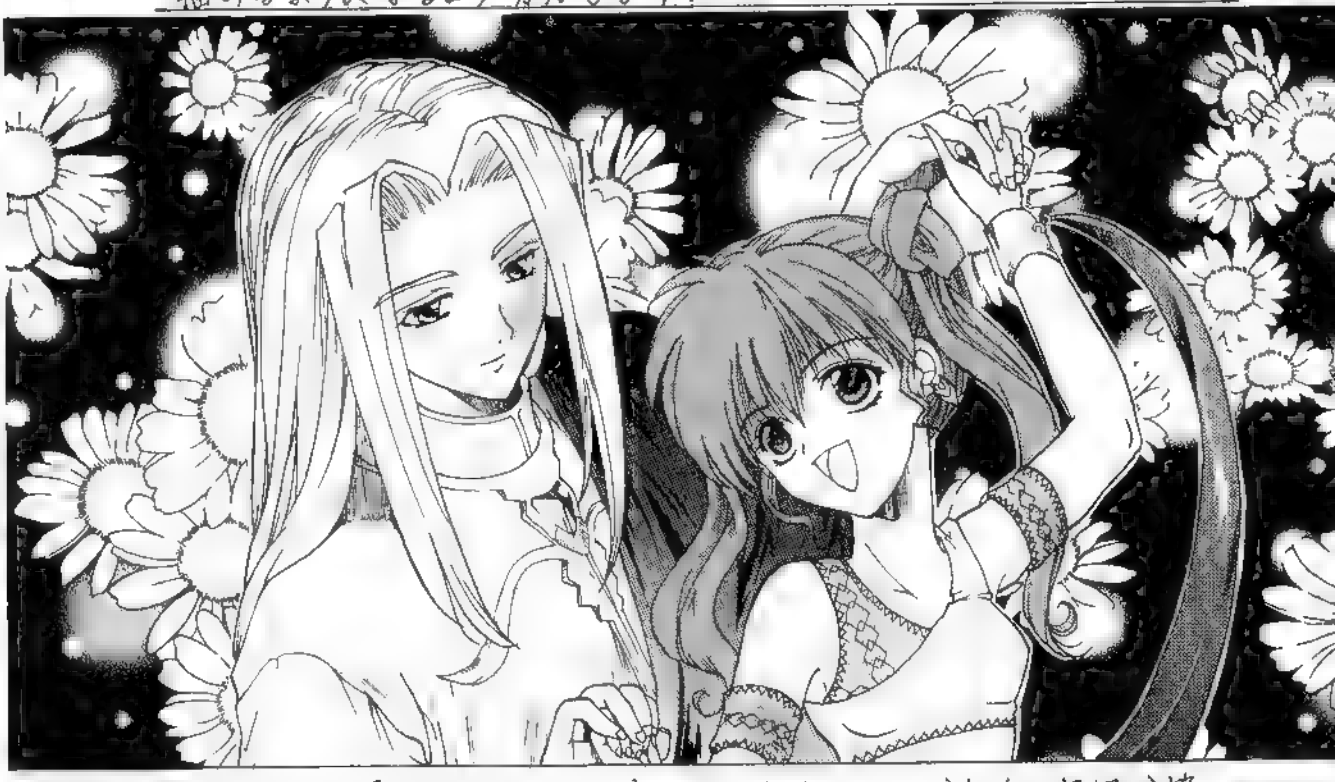

いきなりですがこの場をかりてお礼を言わせてください。お手紙、年賀状等くださった方、本当にありがとうございます。読者様の一文字一文字が未熟者の私の励みとなっています。時々読み返しては元気をいただいています。

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それでは、長いあとがきとなりましたがこの辺で終わりにしたいと思います。

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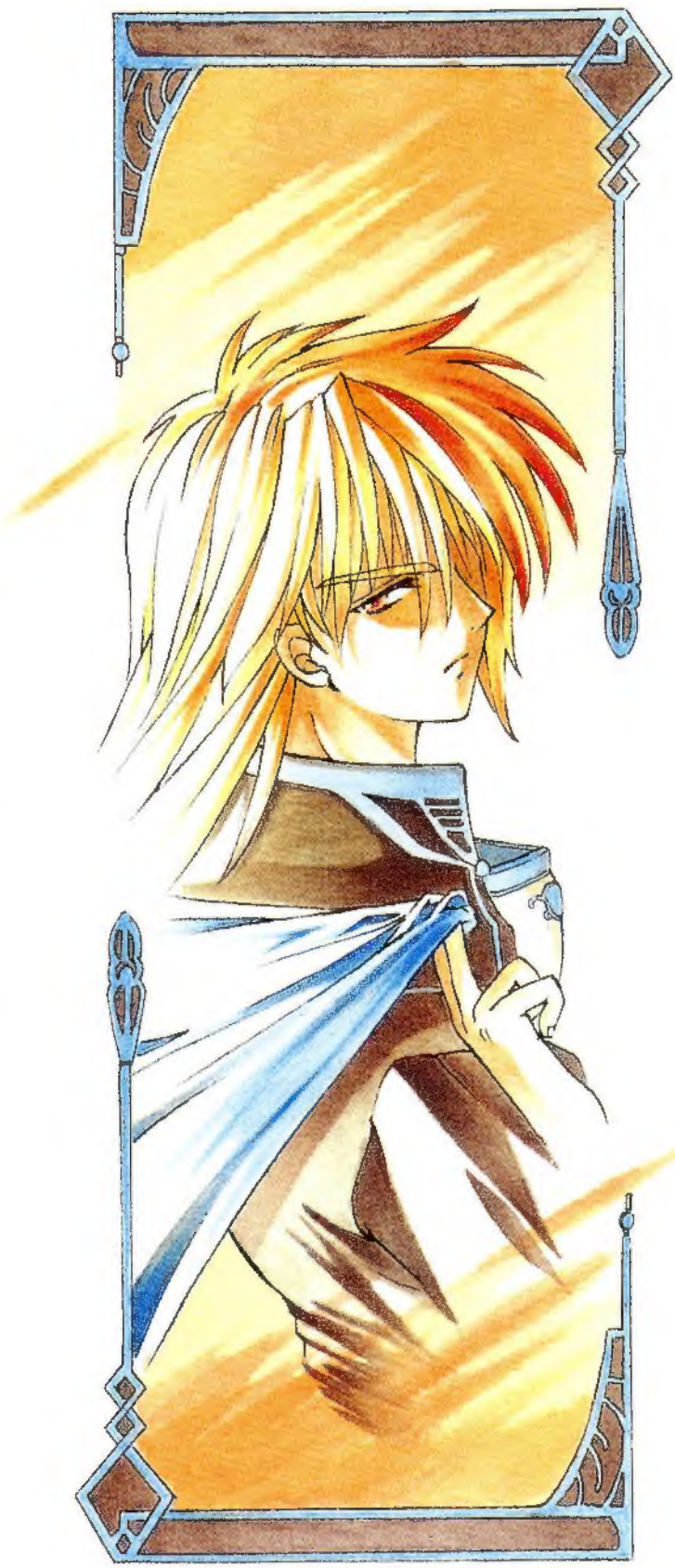

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